

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A dishwasher comprising:
a cabinet having an open front side;
a door opening/closing the front side of the cabinet;
a locker at the door;
a coupling member inside the cabinet to be elastically coupled to or separated from the locker in opening/closing the door; and
a switch in rear of the coupling member to sense opening/closing of the door;
wherein the coupling member comprises ~~at least one~~ two separate plate springs, each in the form of a plate so as to exert an elastic force as bent and the switch comprises a button which is directly brought into contact with the locker when the door is closed.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) The dishwasher as claimed in claim 1, wherein ~~the coupling member comprises first and second coupling members~~ each separate plate spring is adapted to be brought into contact with both sides ~~one side~~ of the locker, respectively.

4. (Currently Amended) The dishwasher as claimed in claim 3,
wherein two pairs of fixing protrusions are formed inside the cabinet and wherein ~~both ends of the first and second coupling members~~ each separate plate spring has two ends, each end being are hooked to ~~be coupled to the~~ a fixing protrusions, respectively.

5. (Currently Amended) The dishwasher as claimed in claim 4, wherein guides are provided to circumferences of both of the ends of ~~the first and second coupling members~~ each separate plate spring to prevent the ~~first and second coupling members~~ separate plate springs from being separated from the fixing protrusions, respectively.

6. (Currently Amended) The dishwasher as claimed in claim 3,
~~wherein the coupling member comprises first and second coupling members to be brought into contact with both sides of the locker, respectively, and~~

wherein a pair of incline coupling pieces are provided to both of the sides of the locker, respectively and wherein ~~a pair of protrusions~~ a protrusion is located at the center of each separate plate spring and is adapted to be brought into elastic contact with ~~one of the coupling pieces are formed at centers of the first and second coupling members, respectively.~~

7. (Original) The dishwasher as claimed in claim 6, wherein a front end of each of the coupling pieces inclines slower than a rear end thereof.

8. (Currently Amended) The dishwasher as claimed in claim 1,
wherein fixing protrusions are formed inside the cabinet and ~~both ends each end of the coupling member each separate plate spring~~ are is hooked to the ~~coupled to the~~ a fixing ~~protrusion, protrusions, respectively.~~

9. (Currently Amended) The dishwasher as claimed in claim 8, wherein guides are provided to circumferences of the both ends of ~~the coupling member each separate plate spring~~ to prevent ~~the coupling member each separate plate spring~~ from being separated from the fixing protrusions, respectively.

10. (Currently Amended) The dishwasher as claimed in claim 1,
wherein an incline coupling piece is provided to one side of the locker and wherein a protrusion brought into elastic sliding contact with the coupling piece is formed at a center of the ~~coupling member each separate plate spring.~~

11. (Currently Amended) The dishwasher as claimed in claim 10, wherein a front end of the coupling piece to be brought into sliding contact with the coupling member inclines slower

than a rear end of the coupling piece to be caught on the protrusion of the coupling member each separate plate spring.

12. – 13. (Canceled)

14. (Currently Amended) A door lock assembly of a dishwasher, comprising:
a locker at a door opening/closing a front side of a cabinet;
a coupling member inside the cabinet, to be elastically coupled to or separated from the locker in opening/closing the door; and
a switch in rear of the coupling member to sense opening/closing of the door;
wherein the coupling member comprises ~~at least one~~ two separate plate springs, each in the form of a plate so as to exert an elastic force as bent and the switch comprises a button which is directly brought into contact with the locker when the door is closed.

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Currently Amended) The door lock assembly as claimed in claim 14, wherein the coupling member comprises ~~first and second coupling members~~ each spring plate is adapted to be brought into contact with both sides ~~one side~~ of the locker, respectively.

17. (Currently Amended) The door lock assembly as claimed in claim 14,
wherein two pairs of fixing protrusions are formed inside the cabinet and wherein both ends ~~each end of the first and second coupling members~~ each separate plate spring are is hooked to be coupled to the a fixing protrusion. protrusions, respectively.

18. (Currently Amended) The door lock assembly as claimed in claim 16,
wherein the coupling member comprises ~~first and second coupling members to be brought into contact with both sides of the locker, respectively, and~~

wherein a pair of incline coupling pieces are provided to the both sides of the locker, respectively and wherein ~~a pair of protrusions~~ a protrusion is located at the center of each separate plate spring and is adapted to be brought elastic into sliding contact with one of the coupling pieces ~~are formed at centers of the first and second coupling members, respectively.~~

19. – 20. (Cancelled)